



MIAMI-DADE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT

**VOLUNTEER WORK DAY CALENDAR**  
2003-2004 ADOPT-A-NATURAL AREA



*Natural Areas... The Way Nature Intended*

Natural areas are the hammocks, pinelands, wetlands, mangrove forests, and seashores that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped, protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and a resource to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique natural areas. They crowd out rare native plant species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as storm recovery, and natural fire cycles. The control of non-native plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all natural habitats. The Department's Natural Areas Management (NAM) Program began the overwhelming task of exotic plant control in 1991. NAM's Volunteer Program fosters civic responsibility and knowledge for the common good. As a volunteer or student, you are given the opportunity to assist in the restoration of one of Miami-Dade County's natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings, or picking up trash. Students and volunteers are taught to identify various invading non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of these ecosystems. Other opportunities include historical research, fund raising and general office work. Students are required to commit to a minimum of 12 hours. Now more than ever, Miami-Dade Parks need the support of the entire community to restore and maintain our natural areas. With your help we can accomplish this important task!

09/13/03	Ned Glenn Pineland	01/31/04	Oak Grove Park
09/20/03	Coastal Cleanup (Black Point Marina) Call for info	02/07/04	Hattie Bauer Hammock
10/04/03	Rockdale Pineland Preserve	02/28/04	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park
10/18/03	Florida City Pineland	03/13/04	Deering Estate at Cutler
10/25/03	Goulds Pineland	03/20/04	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park
11/01/03	Hattie Bauer Hammock	04/03/04	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park
11/15/03	Deering Estate at Cutler	04/10/04	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park AND Oak Grove Park
12/06/03	Whispering Pines Hammock	04/17/04	Baynanza Call for info
01/10/04	Coral Pines Park	05/01/04	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park AND Oak Grove Park
01/24/04	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park		

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***All scheduled workdays begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12 noon. Come prepared to work outdoors. For your safety, closed toe shoes are required and long pants are strongly recommended. All participants are required to complete a release form prior to participation. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian. Groups should preregister by calling (305) 257-0904.***

## **Get involved – *Adopt a Natural Area!***

### **Natural Areas Sites**

Black Point Marina- SW 248 St. and 87 Ave.  
Coral Pines Park- SW 104 St. and 70 Ave.  
Deering Estate at Cutler- SW 168 St. and 72 Ave.  
Florida City Pineland- SW 345 St. and 184 Ave. (Florida City Streets- SW 1st St. and 8th Ave.)  
Goulds Pineland- SW 224 St. and 120 Ave.  
Hattie Bauer Hammock- SW 267 St. and 157 Ave.  
Kendall Indian Hammocks Park- 11345 SW 79 St.  
Ned Glenn Pineland- SW 188 St. and 87 Ave.  
Oak Grove Park- NE 159 St. and 6 Ave.  
Rockdale Pineland Preserve- SW 145 St. and 92 Ave.  
Whispering Pines Hammock- SW 186 St. and 88 Ct.

**Please call (305) 257-0904 for directions and maps.**

### **Natural Areas Management Volunteer Workday Regulations**

Workdays begin at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM. Be prepared to work outside.

Closed-toe shoes are required. A long sleeve shirt and long pants are highly recommended.

Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the workday. Pay attention to instructions.

Use sun block and wear a hat, insect repellent is also recommended.

Drink plenty of fluids during the work period.

Bring sturdy gloves, if possible. If you do not have your own gloves, we will provide them to you.

Do not bring small children or pets along on workdays.

Do not bring machetes, chain saws, line trimmers, or other motorized equipment.

Pay attention to the plants to be avoided (i.e. thorny plants, poison ivy, poison wood).

Only volunteers are allowed in the natural area.

No smoking or littering is permitted.

Do not touch or remove large trash, debris or broken glass, call staff for assistance.

Do not pull vines out of tree limbs. Do not climb trees. Do not feed or harass wildlife.

Stay within your assigned area. Stay out of marked “Caution” or “Exclusion” areas.

Inform supervisor about unusual findings, debris or occurrences.

**Remember.....Safety First!**